

first African-American woman to graduate from that program in 1916. In the same year, Stewart passed the state examination, becoming the first African-American female pharmacist in the state of Pennsylvania. An entrepreneur at heart, Ella soon opened her own drugstore at the General Hospital in Braddock, Pennsylvania and, in 1918, moved back to Pittsburgh, where she again established her own business, Myers Pharmacy. After practicing as pharmacists in Youngstown, Ohio for a couple of years, she and her husband, William Wyatt Stewart, a fellow graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Pharmacy School, opened Stewart's Pharmacy in Toledo, Ohio, in 1922, which they operated until 1945, when they sold the business and retired. Located in Toledo's Pinewood District, the pharmacy was a popular neighborhood gathering place. The Stewarts, who owned the building and lived in the spacious apartment above the pharmacy, often hosted special visitors from out of town, including Marian Anderson and W.E.B. Du Bois.

Despite the inherent challenges of successfully operating a drug store and pharmacy, Ella Phillips Stewart found the time and energy to be involved in numerous civic organizations during her working career and in retirement. Her activities at a local level included leadership in the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), the local chapter of the NAACP and the Enterprise Charity Club, a social service organization run by African-American women. From 1944 to 1948, she served as president of the Ohio Association of Colored Women, and from 1948 to 1952, as president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC). As leader of the NACWC, Stewart forcefully spoke out against segregation, discrimination and racial stereotyping. In 1961, she became an inaugural member of the Toledo Board of Community Relations, which worked to improve race relations in the city, and to ensure enforcement of civil rights laws. As Ella Stewart's national stature grew, she was asked to serve in a variety of roles at the national and international levels. She was appointed by President Dwight Eisenhower in the post-World War II era, as a member of the Women's Advisory Committee on U.S. Defense Manpower and, in 1959, she was appointed to the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging.

Comfortable working in an international setting, Ella Stewart was appointed as an American delegate to the International Conference of Women of the World, held in Athens, Greece, in 1952. She subsequently spent time during the 1950s touring as a goodwill ambassador for the United States, traveling to Pakistan, India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Philippines, Japan and Hong Kong, among other nations. In 1963, she was appointed to the United States commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), traveling to many nations as an ambassador advocating for improved education and literacy around the world. Along her life's journey, Ella received many awards and honors, including as an original inductee into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, recipient of the Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Toledo and similar honors from the University of Pittsburgh. Yet, the recognition she treasured the most was having an elementary school in Toledo named after her,

the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, in 1961, which now has a museum that houses Stewart's plaques and awards, and the memorabilia she collected on her many international tours.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary African-American woman and favorite daughter of Clarke County, born into poverty during the era of segregation, who overcame these disadvantages by applying the values she learned as a child growing up in tiny Stringtown, Virginia, and making the most of the education she received during those difficult times, to become a fearless trailblazer in her profession of Pharmacy, a successful businesswoman, a civil rights leader who worked for greater harmony among various races and cultures, and an American goodwill ambassador who successfully contributed to greater international peace and understanding.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2018

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women are majority owners of 9.9 million American businesses which generate \$1.4 trillion in annual sales and employ more than 8.4 million workers. Ninety-nine percent of women-owned businesses are small businesses, and 47 percent of all American minority-owned businesses are also women-owned. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically-vital businesses.

I applaud Wendy Diamond, who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day organization has funded 500 Syrian refugee girls in Jordan so they could attend high school, launched an initiative in Oman to empower women and girls to vote against arranged marriage, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change, and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world.

This week, Ms. Diamond is hosting a Women's Entrepreneurship Day event in New York City at the United Nations in order to empower, celebrate, and support women and girls globally to alleviate poverty.

During this event, Ms. Diamond and her organization will be honoring the following individuals with the following awards:

Anna Sui—fashion designer and founder, Anna Sui brand—Fashion Pioneer Award. Eileen Murray—Co-CEO, Bridgewater Associates—Financial Pioneer Award. Shannon Dellimore—Co-Founder, GLAMGLOW—Beauty Pioneer Award. Shanu Hinduja—Chair, Hinduja Bank in Switzerland; Chair, Hinduja

Foundation US; and Co-Chair and Director of Hinduja Global Solutions Inc.—Philanthropy Pioneer Award.

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway—Chair, Princess Märtha Louise's Fund—Political Pioneer Award.

Kathleen King—Founder, Tate's Bake Shop—Culinary Pioneer Award.

Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk—President and Co-Founder, Memnosyne Institute, and President and Co-Founder, The John Philp Thompson Foundation—Civic Pioneer Award.

Shelley Zalis—Founder and CEO, Online Testing Exchange, and Founder and CEO, The Female Quotient—Technology Pioneer Award.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

HONORING RICK REUSS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Rick Reuss for his contribution to our state and country.

Rick is a true patriot, and is someone I could always rely on to shoot straight and hold me accountable to our shared guiding conservative principles. Over the years, I have spent time with Rick at hundreds of events all across the state and I've even appeared on his radio show. It has been an honor to work with him. Our state is better off today because of Rick's extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Rick is among my favorite people that I met on this journey in Congress. He is smart, strong, honest, and loyal. Although we sometimes disagree, with Rick, you always know where you stand.

I want to thank Rick for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE ANNUAL SAN JOSE VETERANS DAY PARADE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, U.S. House Representatives ANNA ESHOO, RO KHANNA, and JIMMY PANETTA, to honor the annual Veterans Day Parade in our community and to take a moment to acknowledge the selfless sacrifices of our veterans, who have fearlessly served our nation at home and abroad.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. Armistice Day, celebrated each year on November 11, commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany, which took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to end hostilities on the western Front of World War I. Each year, to observe this important Anniversary in our community, the

United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County helps conduct the Annual San Jose Veterans Day Parade.

One of the largest parades in California, the San Jose Veterans Day Parade serves to recognize and celebrate, with gratitude and appreciation, all those who have served and continue to serve with the U.S. Armed Forces. This year's theme of the Parade is, "A Century of Honoring Those Who Serve." Indeed, this occasion provides us with an opportunity to recognize our veterans, who serve to protect our freedom and foster the safety and prosperity that we enjoy as a nation. We gather to acknowledge also the families of all those who serve our nation and express our gratitude to them for their ongoing, steadfast support of our servicemembers.

Mr. Speaker, we hereby recognize and commend those members of our U.S. Armed Forces, who have dedicated their lives in service of our country, as well as their families and communities, who have supported their service to our country. During our annual San Jose Veterans Day Parade, our community unites in celebration of all those who dedicate their lives to preserve and protect our way of life and our future.

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK CREEK
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commendation of the 50th anniversary of Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department based in Hanover County, Virginia. For the past 50

years, the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department has proved indispensable to the Hanover community, not only protecting the lives of Hanover residents, but also serving as a unifying and cultural pillar of the community.

The Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department was formed in the spring of 1968 with approximately 30 members under the guidance and direction of then-President Douglas Mantlo, and the first Fire Chief, John Peace. Since the volunteer fire unit's founding, its members have served the public with distinction, risking their lives for the sake of others and building community through events like the Hanover Tomato Festival which the fire company started in 1978 and has continued to host every year.

The beginnings of the Tomato Festival were modest. Created as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire company as well as a way to celebrate the Hanover community, it featured a small parade, several fire department competitions, tomato judging contests and eleven vendors of food and crafts. This year, celebrating its 40th anniversary, the festival boasted record-breaking attendance, live music, and over 150 vendors.

The 50th anniversary of the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Company is a testament to the organization's long-standing commitment to the Hanover community. Whether it is the brave firefighters risking their lives to rescue the people of the area, or the cheerful commitment of the volunteer force to building a sense of neighborliness and fellowship in their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Company on their 50th anniversary as an organization, and in commending their dedicated efforts of lifesaving service and enthusiastic community-building. An admirable example of

leadership and devotion, and an outstanding cornerstone of our community, I commend the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Company on their accomplishments and wish them further success as they continue to serve our community. On behalf of America's First District, we say congratulations.

HONORING MICHAEL DORA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Michael Dora for his contribution to our state and Rush County.

As the former County Chairman, Michael spent years promoting and advancing Republican principles in Rush County. He has also served his community in a variety of other capacities, including as a volunteer EMT, firefighter, and youth sports coach. In 2017, Michael was appointed by President Trump to serve as State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development in Indiana. The impact Michael continues to make on Rush County cannot be overstated, and our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Michael has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.